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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant and the undersigned attorney wish to bring the following information to the Examiner's attention in connection with the examination of the above-captioned application.

The documents are listed on PTO/SB/08A Substitute for Form PTO-1449 which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of each foreign document cited thereon is enclosed herewith.

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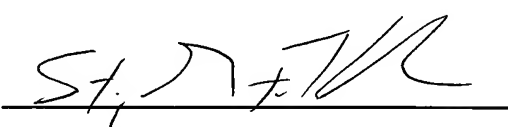
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above materials and make them of record in the above-captioned application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. § §1.16-1.17 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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